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- 25X1 1. [] at Odessa, the pilotage, visit of inspection, and the checking of the passes were as usual.
- 25X1 2. [] in port, [] noted the following Soviet naval craft:
- 25X1 a. Soviet training ship, the ex-Colombo. [] it seemed to be swinging ship to compensate its magnetic compass; later it moored at B on Attachment 2. []
- 25X1 b. A naval unit of old construction at S on Attachment 2. [] it might have been of the Konstruktor class (the ex-Sibirski-Strelok) built in 1906.
- 25X1 3. Among the craft used locally []
- 25X1 a. Three tugs which usually tie up at L/1 on Attachment 2. []
- 25X1 b. A few barges, various small boats and some derelicts at P on Attachment 2.
- 25X1 c. Many light boats moored to the breakwater at 16.
- 25X1 d. Two or three small tugs used to transport workers within the port area.
4. [] following merchant ships in Odessa:
- 25X1 a. An old Soviet passenger ship, about 3,000 tons, docked at C on Attachment 2. []

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- 25X1 b. Two steamers of unknown registry and tonnage, docked respectively at D and E. [REDACTED]
- c. A steamer undergoing repairs at F.
- 25X1 d. Two ships of undetermined type and tonnage, docked respectively at I and J. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 e. The Soviet steamer Taras Shevchenko, about 8500 tons and empty, docked at H. [REDACTED] the ship is equipped with a gun platform on its bow, four platforms abaft of the funnel and three astern. The ship is also equipped with radio and goniometric sights.
- 25X1 f. The 800-ton Soviet passenger ship, Pestea (sic), docked [REDACTED]
- 25X1 g. A coal ship flying the Swiss flag, docked at M.
- 25X1 h. A Soviet cargo-passenger ship, at N. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 i. Soviet motor ship, Gruziya, of the Odessa Maritime District. [REDACTED] it was docked at O and the following day it moved to N following the departure of the cargo-passenger ship. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 j. A 5,000-ton Soviet ship carrying a cargo entered the harbor and docked at Q [REDACTED] the gun mounts installed on the wings of the bridge, between the two holds of the aft section and at the extremity of the stern.
- 25X1 k. A metal hull at R, between the two lighters already reported tied to the breakwater. There was no activity noted aboard the hull [REDACTED]
- 25X1 l. At T, two floating dry docks with two ships in them.
- 25X1 5. As for the port installations, [REDACTED] the Coast Guard station, barracks, and the old grain elevator and confirm previous reports.
- 25X1 6. The new grain elevator shown at 5 on Attachment 2 [REDACTED] the edge of the pier right next to the warehouse at 4 forms a step as indicated on Attachment 2. At 4/a there is a crane [REDACTED]
- 25X1 7. The area of the ship repair shops [REDACTED] The shed at 6 probably houses the workshops while that at 7 is a warehouse. At 6/a [REDACTED] there is a crane. Right along the pier and near the building at 6, [REDACTED] a red-leaded Soviet merchant ship.
- 25X1 8. Along the southern edge of the wharf at 8 there are three or four cranes, but on the northern edge there is only one crane [REDACTED] The latter also shows a large arch at 8/b.
- 25X1 9. The coal quay at 10 has a large masonry shed or warehouse on it at 13. There appear to be no other buildings but there are traces of older buildings which are now destroyed. The coal pier is at 11 [REDACTED] the southern edge of the pier, looking towards the pierhead. There the reconstruction work appears to be almost complete. Previous reports which stated the existence of warehouses and cranes on this pier are confirmed.

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10. At 14 there is a large building with only its main walls still standing. It was a former locomotive storage depot.
11. Contrary to the information forwarded in a previous report, the port area proper is separated from the residential area by a wall at 15 which is about four meters high.
12. On land, at 18, there is a large building with four towers, while at 19 there are two cranes which [redacted] probably are of a great capacity. Two other cranes appear to be located at 20, while a large smokestack is noted at 21 near a group of buildings.
13. Coming out of the passageway at 22 one notes a long narrow stairway at 23 which overlooks the passageway and the street at 24. Immediately to the right there is a well-paved street at 25. This street is about eight meters wide, tree-lined, and it runs along the enclosure wall. Here and there are two and three-story houses, adjacent to the wall. Although no houses were noted along the slope next to the wall, there were entrances to what were formerly air raid shelters built in the hillside. Today, these are probably used for storage purposes.
- 25X1 [redacted] buses and streetcars run on this street and connect the residential section of the port to the industrial section in the north.
14. The huge stairway at 26 has about 160 to 180 steps and eight or nine landings. It is well-lighted and leads to the boulevard at 27. The latter is divided into four sections, three for pedestrian traffic and one for vehicular traffic. Between the sections there are trees. The large tree-lined street at 29 leads into the vast square at 28. The International Club at 30 is on this street but it also has an entrance on the street at 31. The Club is a five-story building which is always well-lighted and decorated with huge portraits of Lenin, Stalin, and other Communist leaders. The Club has a motion picture auditorium where propaganda films are shown, several ballrooms, a writing room, a reading room, and a bar with ice cream and a small orchestra.
- 25X1 [redacted] two or three girls came aboard and, in English, invited the personnel on liberty to come to the Club, where they would meet many girls. Actually, those who went to the Club did not find the promised "companions" but were made to view a motion picture film on the achievements of the Five-Year Plan.

Attachments: Two

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2. Sketch of Odessa with Legend

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[redacted] Comment: [redacted] it was reported that the overhanging cliff formed part of this enclosing wall.

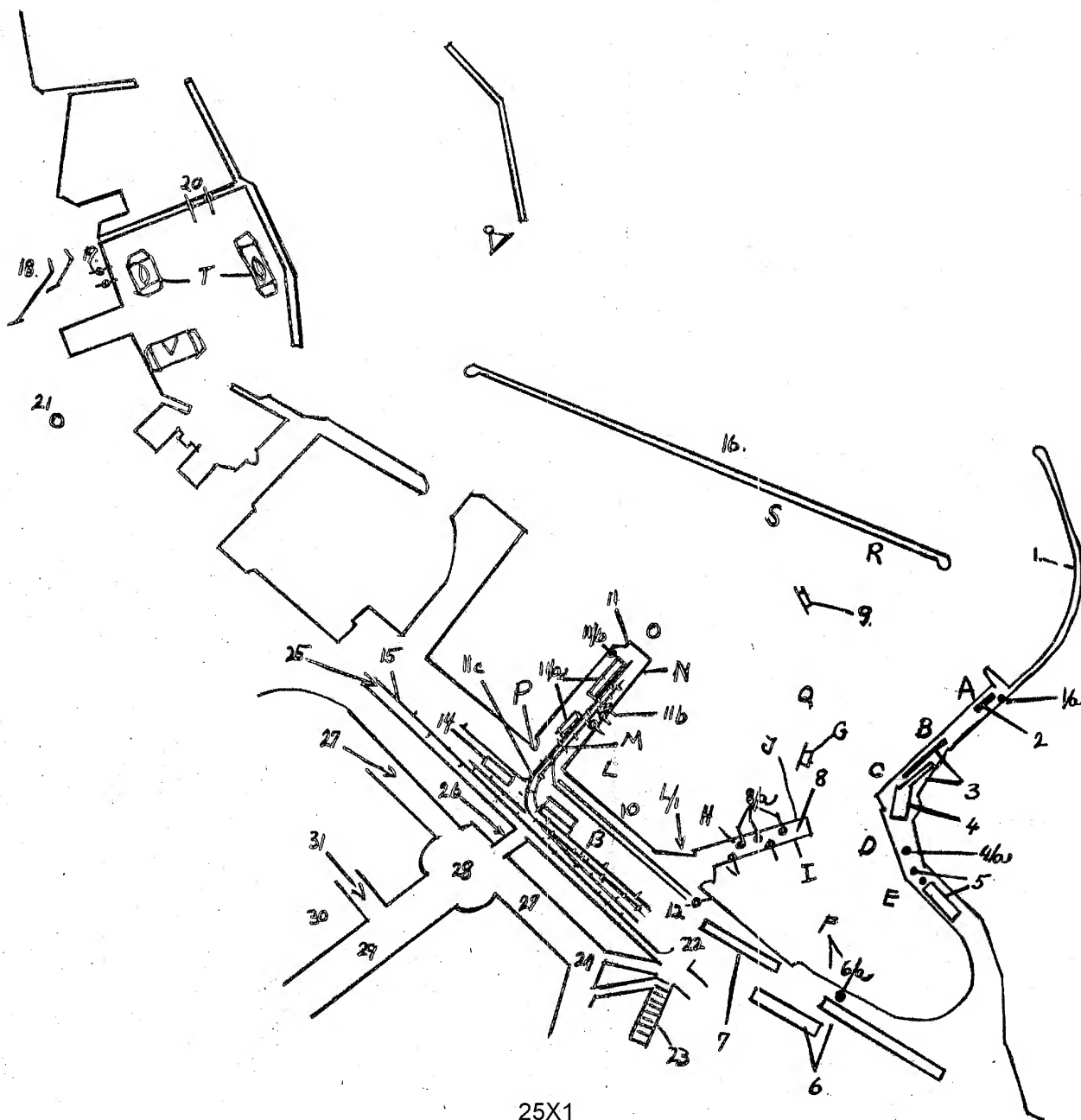
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Sketch Map of Odessa with Legend



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Legend:

1. Outer pier
 - 1/a. Coast Guard station
 2. Barracks
 3. Old grain elevator
 4. Warehouse
 5. New grain elevator
 6. Probable workshops
 7. Warehouse
 8. Pier
 - 8/a. Crane
 9. Buoy
 10. Coal quay
 11. Coal wharf
 - 11/a. Sheds
 - 11/b. Cranes
 - 11/c. Railroad tracks
 12. Water outlet
 13. Warehouse
 14. Former locomotive storage depot
 15. Wall enclosing the port area
 16. Breakwater
 18. Structure surmounted by four towers
 19. Cranes
 20. Cranes
 21. Smokestack of an industrial complex
 22. Passageway
 23. Stairway
 24. Graded road which leads to the rampart
 25. Road which extends along the port area
 26. Huge stairway
 27. Boulevard
 28. Public square
 29. Tree-lined street
 30. The International Club
 31. Street
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- A. Metal hull covered with a wooden super structure
 - B. Moorage of the training ship the ex-Colombo
 - C. Soviet passenger ship
 - D. Soviet passenger ship
 - E. Soviet passenger ship
 - F. Soviet ship undergoing repairs
 - G. Ship of undetermined type
 - H. Soviet steamer
 - I. Ship of undetermined type
 - J. Ship of undetermined type
 - L. Soviet liner
 - L/1. Usual moorage of the tugs
 - M. Source's ship
 - N. Moorage of Soviet motorship
 - O. Moorage of Soviet motorship
 - P. Moorage of local craft
 - Q. Soviet steamer at anchor
 - R. Moorage of a small naval craft, possibly of recent construction
 - S. Moorage of various craft
 - T. Floating dry docks with ships in them
 - V. Empty floating dry dock

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